



Borough of Swedesboro Council Meeting
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of January 19, 2010
Approved on February 1, 2010

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers with Council President Weeks presiding. Mayor Fromm was absent, all other Councilmen were present.

Mr. Weeks advised that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

A moment of silent prayer was followed by the flag salute.

Mrs. Hale moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010, reorganization and regular, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

Mr. Weeks introduced Chief Marino who went over the six months Police Report.

Mr. Casella asked the following questions:

1. If arrests could be broken down by age.
2. If summons could be listed by in State or out of State
3. If any of the one of the four zones needed to be changed.

Chief responded:

1. It is a variety of ages.
2. Can break down by in State or out of State.
3. Zones are adjusted by needs.

Mrs. Gahrs asked about the survey for Bridgeport Ave. regarding the over the limit trucks and Mr. Casella asked about the Kings Hwy. survey.

Chief stated that Lt. Neal is working on it and nothing yet back from the County.

Mrs. Hale asked if the number of calls in Woolwich compared to the Borough. Chief stated that there were 6000 calls in Woolwich for the six months and Swedesboro was about 25% of that.

Mrs. Hale stated that Economic Development needs to find the number of cars coming to town due to the shore traffic from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It would show the potential number of people that could visit the Borough.

Mr. Zappala asked how many speed signs there are. Chief stated that they have the two from Swedesboro and Woolwich had one and they are rotated a week at a time or where needed.

Mr. Casella thanked the Chief for the past six months and that it has been very beneficial for the Borough.

Mr. Zappala moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.



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No one from the public spoke.

Mr. Casella moved to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Vote all yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Mr. Casella stated that he informed Supt. Simmerman that he is on the Committee with the Mayor.

Economic Development – Mrs. Hale stated that they had their first meeting of the year and went over their goals and objectives and will finalize them the next meeting.

Mrs. Hale stated that they distributed the Walking Tour Brochures and that they spoke at the GSBA meeting and showed a DVD of Swedesboro and explained what the Economic Development Committee was doing.

Fire – Mrs. Gahrs reported that they have started insulating the roof at the Fire House and that their banquet is on Saturday at the Bridgeport Fire House at 7 PM and Mayor and Council are invited.

Trash & Recycling – Mr. Weeks stated that the Committee met with Recycling Coor. Mark Fruits and they are reviewing the metal pick up contract and there may be some changes. Also looking into a possible shared service with Logan or East Greenwich.

Planning/Zoning Board - Mr. Zappala stated it was a quiet meeting.

Board of Health – Next meeting is Feb.

Environmental Commission and Shade Tree – meetings 1/25 and 1/26 respectively.

School Boards – Mr. Zappala attended the S/W Board meeting on 1/13 and the main topic was they are changing their student info data system to make it in line with Kingsway's.

Kingsway meeting tonight and regarding GCIT the Freeholders are defending their decision to charge \$2000 per student to attend rather than it be free. Mr. Weeks stated that the Supt. of Kingsway will attend our next meeting to discuss several issues.

2010 Census – Mr. Casella stated that he has not heard back from the Census Bureau.

2010 Re-assessment- Mrs. Gahrs stated she is trying to get in touch with our Assessor.



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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Weeks reported that the Library bids are due on February 4, 2010, the Borough went to settlement on the Martorano property and that Bottos will be settled on 2/1/10 and Davis property at a later date.

The properties on Water and Gen. Harker the Borough now owns and will move forward for demo and go to bid for developers. Pandorf property to be demolished by 2/15 by Court order.

RESOLUTIONS

- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Perf. Bond release for Blk.29, Lots 12 & 13)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (W & S Bal.)
Mr. Zappala moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Execution of Agree. with Energy Curtailment Specialist Inc.)
Mr. Zappala moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.
- Clerk read the following resolution: (Auth. Mayor to sign assignment agree. w/Westrum & Susquehanna Bank)
Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

Clerk read the following ordinance: 2010 SALARY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SALARY ORDINANCE 1976 BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO" WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 1976.

Mr. Zappala moved to adopt the ordinance with a public hearing to be held on 2/1/10, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mr. Casella moved to approve sick pay benefit to William Goodwin for 1/14, 1/15, seconded by Mr. Ayers. Vote all yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gahrs announced that the Memorial Day Program would be sponsored by the GSBA and will be held on 1/31/10 and they would like to use the Fire House and the parking lot.

Mrs. Gahrs thanked all for supporting the HELP Martin Luther King Program and also thanked Helen Fromm for getting it all ready for the program.



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Mrs. Hale stated that the Second Blues Jam will be on 4/23 and 4/24 at Rodes Barn.

Mrs. Hale moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Casella. Vote all yes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Helen Fromm, Weatherby Ave. suggested that Kingsway Supt. be informed that there will be questions regarding the GCIT so that she is prepared.

Mr. Casella moved to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

Clerk read the following resolution: (Closed Session)

Mr. Casella moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Roll Call Vote- all yes.

Mr. Weeks adjourned to closed session at 7:55 PM.

After returning from closed session, Mrs. Hale moved to appoint Lois Elder as the Account Clerk/Adm. Asst. effective 2/1/10, seconded by Mr. Zappala. Vote all yes.

Mrs. Hale moved to pay all duly authorized bills, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs. Vote all yes.

Mr. Zappala moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hale. Vote all yes.

Mr. Weeks adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Dolores M. Connors
Borough Clerk